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SUBJ: COUNTRY FINANCED SERVICES -- ASSISTANCE FOR NATURAL GAS
RESERVOIR AND PIPELINE STUDIES

REF: A) STATE 105685, B) STATE 91161, C) STATE 64502

1. FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY AID/W HAVE
BEEN SUBMITTED TO EMBASSY IN LETTER FROM MR. PISOOT
SUDASNA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES,
GEARED TO QUERIES IN PARA 3, REF C:

BEGIN QUOTE:

1). UP TO THE PRESENT TIME, THE DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL
RESOURCES (DMR) REGARDS THAT THERE ARE ALTOGETHER SEVEN
STRUCTURES IN WHICH NATURAL GAS HAS BEEN DISCOVERED.

2) OEN WELL HAS BEEN DRILLED IN EACH STRUCTURE, EXCEPT
THE VERY FIRST STRUCTURE WHICH BELONGS TO UNION OIL AND
ITS JAPANESE CO-VENTURER, SEAPEC, AND IN WHICH STRUCTURE
THREE WELLS HAVE BEEN DRILLED.

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3) THE NUMBER OF PRODUCING ZONES RANGES FROM ONE TO 16
ZONES IN EACH STRUCTURE.

4) SEISMIC INFORMATION WHICH WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING
FROM PETROLEUM COMPANIES IS IN THE FORM OF STRUCTURAL
MAPS AND PROFILE. WE DO NOT OWN FIELD SEISMIC TAPES.

5) FOR RECONNAISSANCE SURVEYS IN THE GULF OF THAILAND THE SIZE OF THE SEISMIC GRID IS WIDE - UP TO 15 KILOMETERS. FOR DETAILED WORK ON INTERESTING ANOMALIES THE USUAL SIZE OF THE SEISMIC GRID IS 5 KILOMETERS. IN CERTAIN CASES WHERE AN EXPLORATORY WELL HAD BEEN DRILLED AND ADDITIONAL SEISMIC WORK WAS DONE TO HELP LOCATING SITES OF ADDITIONAL WELLS, THE SIZE OF THE GRID IS USUALLY 2.5 KILOMETERS.

6) THE MINISTRY INTENDS TO CONTRACT FOR AN AVAILABILITY REPORT TO INCLUDE A PROJECTION OF FIELD LIFE.

7) THE RESERVOIR STUDY WILL EMBRACE BOTH NATURAL GAS AND OIL RESERVES. END QUOTE.

2. MR. PISOOT AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NATURAL GAS ORGANIZATION OF THAILAND HAVE DEPARTED FOR THREE WEEK VISIT TO NATURAL GAS PROJECT IN NEW ZEALAND; IT IS THEREFORE UNLIKELY THAT ANY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN INTERIM WITH REGARD TO SURVEY DEVELOPMENTS. (REF A) WHITEHOUSE

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